

Census figures have been compared with totals from various sources. Table A shows a comparison of census figures for number of wells, crude petroleum produced, and natural gas shipped or used, except for repressuring, with corresponding totals published by the Bureau of Mines, showing the figures by regions and selected States. The coverage in the 1963 census was slightly higher than for 1958. At the U.S. level, the coverage percentages were identical for 1963 and 1958 for oil and gas wells drilled but were 1 percent higher than in 1958 for productive wells; dry holes and service wells drilled; crude petroleum produced; and natural gas shipped or used, except for repressuring. The indicated lowest coverage is in productive wells and appears to be accounted for almost entirely by stripper wells in oil fields. Figures for oil and gas wells have been combined in this table since the distinction between such wells may have been made somewhat differently in statistics from other sources. For similar reasons, the figures for dry holes and service wells have been combined. The indicated lower coverage in this area is probably partly due to the inclusion as service wells by other sources of wells drilled for storage purposes; such wells were excluded from Census Bureau reports.

Table B shows a comparison of quantity and value figures for petroleum and natural gas as published by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Mines. As indicated in the footnotes to this table, the differences between the two sets of figures are only partly due to coverage and partly to some differences in level of collection of the products data.

Table A. 1963 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS FIGURES FOR WELLS AND QUANTITY OF PRODUCTS AS PERCENTS OF BUREAU OF MINES FIGURES

Geographic division and State	Number of wells			Crude petroleum produced	shipped or used, except for repressuring
	Productive at end of 1963	Drilled and completed during 1963 Oil and gas wells	Drilled and completed during 1963 Dry holes and service wells		
United States .....	92	98	94	98	98
Middle Atlantic .....	73	77	85	101	99
East North Central .....	80	101	87	98	94
Illinois .....	92	106	92	97	86
West North Central ....	85	94	100	97	99
Kansas*	84	94	103	99	100
South Atlantic .....	77	87	86	97	89
East South Central .....	100	98	100	101	98
West South Central ....	97	97	96	98	98
Louisiana .....	102	95	94	98	97
Alabama .....	88	94	100	99	93
Texas .....	100	99	95	98	99

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